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ADOPTION OF THE INSTRUMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESTRUCTURED GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF)

DRAFT DECISION SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES

Note by the Executive Director

The Executive Director has the honour to transmit to the Governing Council the attached text of a draft decision relating to the adoption of the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility (GEF). The attached text was prepared by the open-ended Subcommittee on Documentation and Drafting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, in which all regional groups were represented. Subsequently, it was the subject of the general agreement by the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its extraordinary meeting, held on 14 June 1994. The decision of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to submit this draft decision for consideration by the Governing Council does not, however, imply the agreement or endorsement of the draft decision by any single Government or group of Governments. The Committee's draft decision was formulated with a view to facilitating consideration of the subject by the Governing Council.

Annex

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The Governing Council,

Having taken note of the agreement reached at the Global Environment Facility Participants' meeting held in Geneva from 14 to 16 March 1994 on the text of the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility,

Having studied the text of the Instrument transmitted to the Council by a note by the Executive Director (UNEP/GCSS.IV/2, annex) and, in particular, the description of the role of United Nations Environment Programme as set out in annex D, section II, paragraph 11 (b), of the Instrument,

1. Adopts the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility, as a basis for the participation of the United Nations Environment Programme as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility;

2. Requests the Executive Director to consider ways of enhancing the capacity of the United Nations Environment Programme to fulfil its role in the Global Environment Facility;

3. Further requests the Executive Director to include in the provisional agenda for the next regular session of the Council an item on the participation of the United Nations Environment Programme in the Global Environment Facility and to present a progress report to the Council thereon.

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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

Draft report of the Governing Council on the work of its fourth special session

Rapporteur: Mr. A.T. Kowalewski (Poland)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 9 May 1994, the Bureau of the Governing Council met to discuss the best and most expeditious way for the Council to adopt the Instrument for the Establishment of a Restructured Global Environment Facility (GEF), which had been agreed by the GEF Participants' meeting; held in Geneva from 14 to 16 March 1994. Following the Bureau meeting, the President of the Council, with the concurrence of the other members of the Bureau, and in consultation with the Executive Director, requested that a one-day special session should be held for this purpose. In accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Executive Director immediately informed all members of the Council of the request, as well as of the approximate costs and relevant administrative considerations, and inquired whether they concurred in it. Within 21 days of the inquiry, a majority of the members of the Council had explicitly concurred in the request. Accordingly, the Executive Director convened the fourth special session of the Council, which was held in Nairobi on 18 June 1994.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. Opening of the session

2. The fourth special session of the Governing Council was opened on 18 June 1994 by Mr. E.O.A. Aina (Nigeria), President of the Council.

B. Attendance

3. The following States members of the Governing Council were represented at the session: (to be completed)

4. The following States not members of the Governing Council were represented by observers: (to be completed)

5. The following United Nations bodies and secretariat units were represented: (to be completed)

6. The following specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system were represented: (to be completed)

7. The following other intergovernmental organizations were represented: (to be completed)

8. In addition, - international non-governmental organizations were represented by observers.

9. The following other organizations were represented by observers: (to be completed)

C. Officers

10. According to rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Council, "at the commencement of the first plenary meeting of its regular session, the Governing Council shall elect a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur from among its members". Rule 19 provides that the President, Vice-Presidents and Rapporteur shall hold office until their successors are elected (i.e. at the first meeting of the next regular session), but none of them may hold office after the expiration of the term of office of the member of whom he is a representative. Accordingly, the Bureau elected at the seventeenth regular session continued to serve at the fourth special session. The following members of the Bureau were present:

President:	Mr. E.O.A. Aina (Nigeria)
Vice-Presidents:	Mr. A. Lizarralde-Maradey (Venezuela)
Rapporteur:	Mr. A. Kowalewski (Poland)

D. Credentials

11. In accordance with rule 17, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Bureau examined the credentials of the representatives attending the fourth special session. The Bureau submitted its report to the Council at the - meeting of the session on 18 June.

E. Agenda

12. At the opening meeting of the session, the Council adopted the following agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/GCSS.IV/1/Add.1), which had been circulated on 2 June 1994:

1. Opening of the session.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session.

3. Credentials of representatives.

4. Adoption of the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility.

5. Adoption of the report.

6. Closure of the session.

F. Organization of the work of the session

13. At the opening meeting of the session, the Council considered the organization of the work of the session in the light of the recommendations in the annotated provisional agenda (UNEP/GCSS.IV/1/Add.1). The Council decided ...

III. ADOPTION OF THE INSTRUMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESTRUCTURED GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

14. In considering agenda item 4 (Adoption of the Instrument for the Establishment of a Restructured Global Environment Facility), at the - meeting of the session, on 18 June, the Council had before it a note by the Executive Director on participation of the United Nations Environment Programme in the restructured Global Environment Facility (UNEP/GCSS.IV/2), by which the Executive Director circulated to all members of the Council the Instrument for the Establishment of a Restructured Global Environment

Facility. The Council also had before it suggested action by the Governing Council under the item, submitted by the Executive Director (UNEP/GCSS.IV/2/Add.1) as well as a draft decision submitted by the Committee of Permanent Representatives (UNEP/GCSS.IV/L.1).

15. Under this item, the Council heard statements by - representatives of States members of the Governing Council, - representatives of States not members of the Governing Council, - international governmental organizations, and - international non-governmental organizations.

16. The Council then proceeded to consider and adopt, at its - meeting, - decision(s) on the item before it (decisions SS.IV/1--). The text of the decision(s) is contained in annex I to the present report, and the process of adoption, including any comments made at the time, is recorded in chapter - below.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

17. At the - plenary meeting of the session, on 18 June, the Council had before it an outline draft report circulated as document UNEP/GCSS.IV/L.2.

18. The Council decided ...